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Miss Blanche A. Smith, Librarian
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State Historical Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Miss Smith:

Have you recovered your composure - not that I ever saw you lose it, but passage of the bill and its signing must have cause you to do some sort of jig-step! - after the near failure and then the win down the stretch? Brother! What it must have done to Dan the afternoon they brought it out for debate and hung that censorship ammendment on it and then adjourned for the day before they finished debate! But we got it made! Now if we can get together a good board.

Dan sent me a copy of the appropriations bill in which the T.L. budget is included. At least a sum larger than last year's is being asked for. However, the way the leg. is approaching the tax problem is so discouraging that I doubt there'll be any money for anything. And the schools bills! Leave us not talk about them!

It seems that I'm doing the Fort Madison meeting for Frank, so I'll see you there a week from tomorrow - and wouldn't you know it, I have a seven o'clock dinner meeting that night on the other side of the River. And here is Davenport right in the middle of the trip from Ft. Madison to Dubuque. Would you consider staying the night with me, even if I can't be a good hostess? There's sure room enough for you - and I have plenty of beds and all my dishes are unpacked! And the lawn is mowed - but the back hill is still running!

Joe is back at work, thank goodness. Had a bit of high blood pressure for which the doctor told him to take some time off and get rid of it. We're trying now to get some outside painting done around here in between rain storms before our open house next Sunday.

See you next week.

Sincerely,